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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON LABOR STANDARDS

REF: A) 136706: B) STATE 194523

1. TRINIDADIAN LAW ON LABOR STANDARDS GENERALLY FOLLOWS UK MODELS, ALTHOUGH IN SOME AREAS, SUCH AS THE REGULATION OF WORKER EXPOSURE TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES, VERY LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE HERE AS YET. EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF LOCAL LAWS OR LABOR STANDARDS WHICH ARE INTENDED TO OR IN FACT DO CONTRIBUTE TO TRADE DISTORTION.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EXPORT SECTORS - I.E. PETROLEUM AND SUGAR - ARE UNIONIZED, AND WAGES AND LABOR CONDITIONS ARE DETERMINED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. IN PETROLEUM SECTOR, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF EXPORT EARNINGS, INCOMES ARE WELL ABOVE AVERAGE FOR ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. IN THE DEFICIT-RIDDEN SUGAR INDUSTRY, THEY ARE LOWER, BUT THIS REFLECTS MORE THE ECONOMIC MALAISE OF THE INDUSTRY THAN ANY CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO DEPRESS INCOMES AS AN EXPORT INCENTIVE.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORMATION ON RELEVANT LAWS AND LABOR
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STANDARDS FROM MINISTRY OF LABOR ON JUNE 7 AND WAS PROMISED A RESPONSE BY END OF JUNE. DESPITE NUMEROUS QUERIES BY EMBASSY, THE MINISTRY STILL HAS NOT YET PRODUCED THE INFORMATION REQUESTED. SINCE THE MINISTRY IS IN BY FAR THE BEST POSITION HERE TO PROVIDE AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF A, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO SEEK THE INFORMATION FROM THEM AND WILL FORWARD IT TO

DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE IT. O'MAHONY

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